

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegations of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe by Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer, Pallaruguda village, Sangem Mandal of Warangal District – Trapped on 22-8-2008 – Sanction for Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE(VIG.VII(2)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.551

Dt. 29-5-2009

ORDER

Whereas, Sri Chitla Shyamsiv worked as Village Revenue Officer, Pallaruguda village and Sangem Mandal of Warangal District from 8.2.2007 to 22.8.2008 and as such he is a Public Servant as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Act 49 of 1988)

2. And whereas, Sri Banoth Veeranna, son of Ravuja, age 30 years, Occupation: Agriculturist is a resident of Maharaj Thanda, H/o Pallaruguda Village, Sangem Mandal of Warangal District.

3. And whereas, it is alleged that on 20-8-2008, Sri Banoth Veeranna, an agriculturist came to the office of the Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Warangal Range, Warangal and preferred a complaint stating that he is a native of Maharaj Thanda, Hamlet of Pallaruguda village of Sangem Mandal, Warangal District. His father Sri Banoth Ravuja gifted him agricultural land to an extent of Ac.3.27 guntas situated in Survey Nos.19,34/B, 40/C, 45/B and 49 of Pallaruguda village about four years ago. When he requested Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer of Pallaruguda village for issue of Pattadar Passbook in his name, the Village Revenue Officer(Accused Officer) filed up a form and obtained his signature on it and in the meantime Sri Chitla Syamsiv, Village Revenue Officer informed that the passbook would be prepared within three months and demanded an amount of Rs.3000/- for preparing the same. Then Sri Banoth Veeranna gave an amount of Rs.3000/- to the Village Revenue Officer as demanded. When he enquired about one month ago, the Village Revenue Officer informed that the books have been completed and prepared in favour of Sri B.Veeranna, showed the Pattadar Passbook and Title Deed to him and demanded him to pay another amount of Rs.2000/- for handing over them to him. On that Sri Banoth Veeranna asked the Village Revenue Officer that he already paid him an amount of Rs.3000/- and is not in a position to pay additional bribe amount of Rs.2000/-. On that the Village Revenue Officer informed him that only on payment of the amount of Rs.2000/- the Pattadar Passbook and Title Deed would be handed over. On 20-8-2008 when Sri Banoth Veeranna and Sr Banoth Dev Singh met the Village Revenue Officer and requested for handing over the Pattadar Passbook and Sri Chitla Shyamsiv reiterated his earlier demand of Rs.2000/- for handing over the title deed and when Sri Banoth Veeranna pleaded to handover the Pattadar

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Passbook and Title Deed and that he would keep them in any Bank for loan and after obtaining bank loan, he would pay the amount of Rs.2000/- to him. But the Village Revenue Officer vehemently instructed him to pay the amount of Rs.2000/- and then only he would be handed over the Pattadar Passbook and Title Deed. When the repeated pleadings had no effect on the Village Revenue Officer Sri B.Veeranna agreed to pay the amount. As Sri B.Veeranna was not willing to pay any bribe amount to Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer, Pallaruguda Village, Sangem Mandal of Warangal district, he preferred a complaint with the Inspector of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Warangal Range, Warangal and requested to take necessary legal action against him.

4. The Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Warangal Range after verifying the antecedents of Sri B.Veeranna and the said Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer and about the genuineness of the complaint and after following the due procedure registered the complaint as a case in crime No.8/ACB-WRL/2008 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 22-8-2008, took up investigation and made necessary arrangements for laying a trap.

5. And Whereas, on 22-8-2008 when Sri Banoth Veeranna, contacted Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer over his mobile, he directed him to meet him at Sammaiah Hotel near Warangal RTC Bus stand and when the trap party proceeded to the Sammaiah Hotel, the said Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer contacted Sri Banoth Veeranna on his mobile and directed him to come to Jaffer Hero Honda Motorcycle repair shop near under bridge, Warangal. Accordingly, the trap party and Sri B.Veeranna and accompanying witness Sri B.Dev Singh proceeded to the Jaffer Hero Honda Motor Cycle Repair Shop at Under bridge, Warangal and took vantage positions. At 10-20 hours Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer came to the shop and met Sri Banoth Veeranna and Sri Banoth Dev Singh and demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.2000/- for showing the official favour of handing the Pattadar Passbook and Title Deed and on receipt of the bribe amount, the Village Revenue Officer handed over the Pattadar Passbook to Sri Banoth Veeranna and was trapped by the officials of the Anti-Corruption Bureau. The tainted amount of Rs.2000/- was recovered from the shirt pocket of Sri Chitla Shyamsiv. The Phenolphthalein powder tests conducted on both hand fingers of Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer and on the inner lining of the shirt pocket yielded positive result. The Inspector of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Warangal Range, Warangal seized the tainted amount of Rs.2000/-, resultant solutions, concerned records and other connected material etc. and further investigated into the case.

6. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer of Pallaruguda village of Sangem Mandal of Warangal District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(1)(d) read with section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

7. And whereas, Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer of Pallaruguda village of Sangem Mandal of Warangal District from Government service after fully and carefully examining the material i.e. Pre-trap and post-trap documents placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer of Pallaruguda village of Sangem Mandal of Warangal District should be prosecuted in a competent court of law.

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Act 49 of 1988) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri Chitla Shyamsiv, Village Revenue Officer of Pallaruguda village of Sangem Mandal of Warangal District under sections 7 & 13(1)(d) read with section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any provisions of law for the time being in force and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(G.SUDHIR)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General
Anti Corruption Bureau
Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER